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In re Patent Application of:
Kazuyasu Ohashi

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For: DOWNSIZE, HIGH PERFORMANCE,
AND WIDE RANGE MAGNIFICATION
ZOOM LENS AND CAMERA APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-3, 29-30, 33, 35, 39, 40 and 42.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A camera apparatus comprising a zoom lens, said zoom lens comprising:

- a first lens band having a positive focal length;
- a second lens band having a negative focal length;
- at least third to fifth lens bands having positive focal lengths; and
- an aperture diaphragm located in the vicinity of the third lens band;

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